

Post Implementation Evaluation Report

Kansas Education Network (KAN-ED) – Regents, Board of

Project Dates: 3/2003 through 8/2004

Project Cost: \$1,405,102

Project Objectives

Kan-ed is providing a high-speed, broadband, data-video, network that is affordable to the school, hospital and library communities of Kansas.

Approximately 57 schools have been transitioned onto the Kan-ed network and some 45 additional schools have been converted to the Kan-ed network. Many more schools, hospitals and libraries will follow. At the beginning of 2004, the total number of Kan-ed subscribers was approximately 700 with another 250 potential members. Availability of Kan-ed subsidies and connection parity payments in the summer of 2003 increased the subscription rate.

The procurement strategy for the Kan-ed was to use the Request for Proposal (RFP) process. The Kan-ed RFP called for end user affordability, intelligent Network Access Point (NAP) equipment and “commodity” bandwidth. After much negotiation, contracts were signed in late December, 2003 and early 2004 that allowed these concepts to become reality in a meshed, high-speed infrastructure, reminiscent of early designs. The Invitation for Bid (IFB) process was used to finish filling out the network mesh architecture. The benefit of using the RFP and IFB processes was speed of deployment, healthy price competition and diversification of providers.